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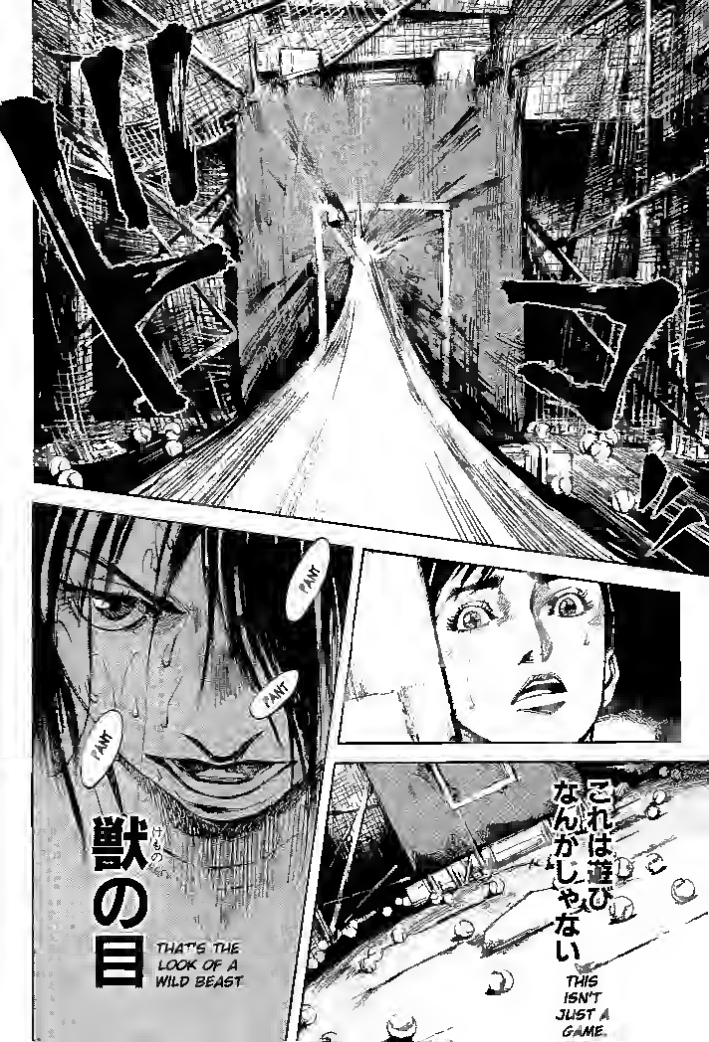
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THIS ISN'T JUST A GAME.
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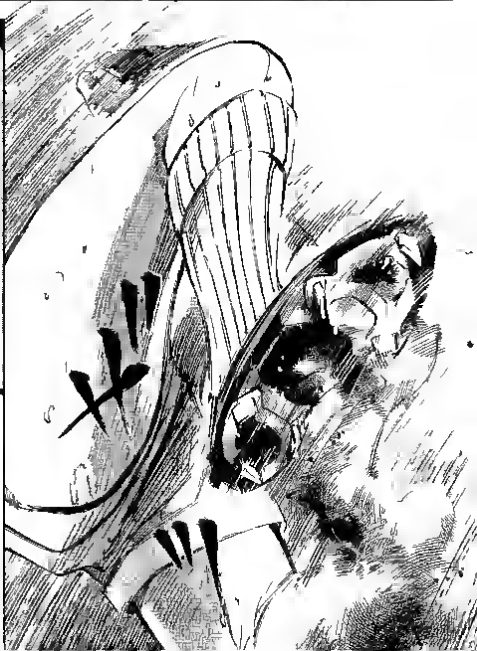

AND
ABOVE
ALL...

...SHE'S WILD YET BEAUTIFUL!
獰猛(どう もう)で美しい
トン

THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WITH THE IRON ARM DIDN'T LEAVE BASEBALL AT ALL.
SHE STILL...
まだ野球を
...WANTS TO PLAY.
やるつもりだ
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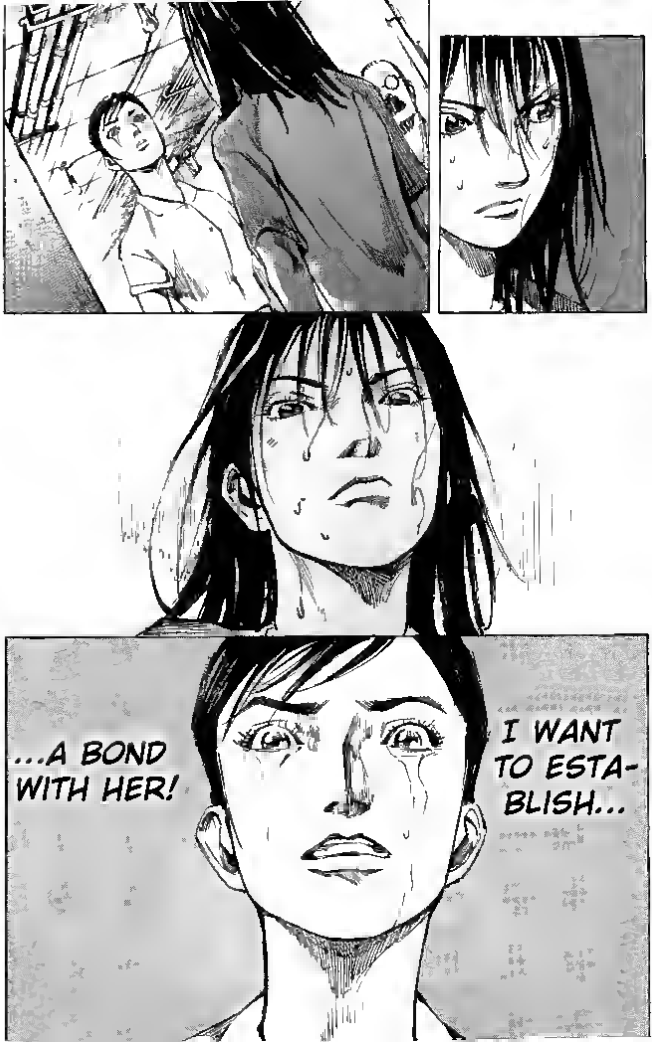
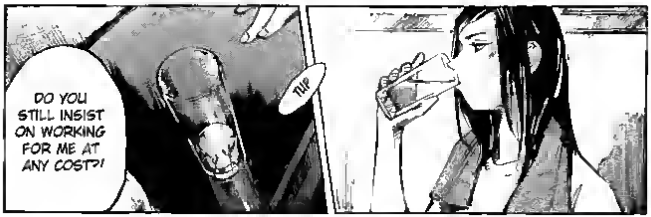
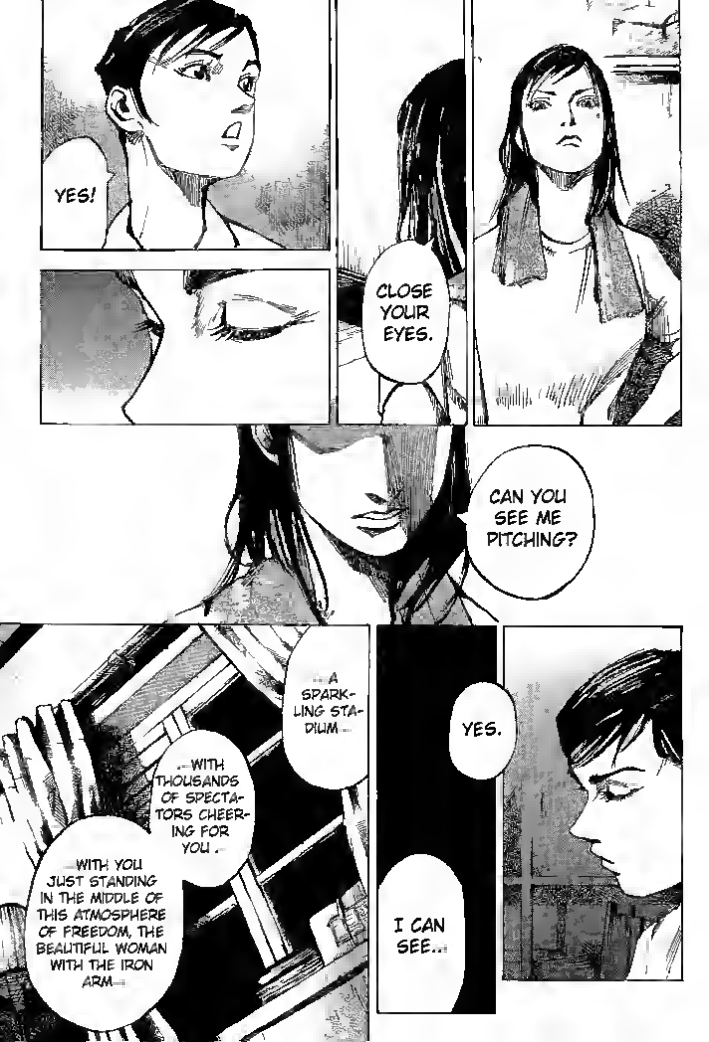
I'M SORRY.
BUT... IT LOOKS LIKE...
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME HERE WHEN I'M BUSY PITCHING!
KAWA-BATA!

...THAT GIRL WAS MOVED...


I WANT TO ESTA-BLISH...
...A BOND WITH HER!


DO YOU STILL INSIST ON WORKING FOR ME AT ANY COST?!
TAP

IF YOU WANT TO PITCH AGAIN LIKE YOU DID IN THE FAMOUS MATCH BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA..
—THEN PLEASE LET ME HELP YOU.

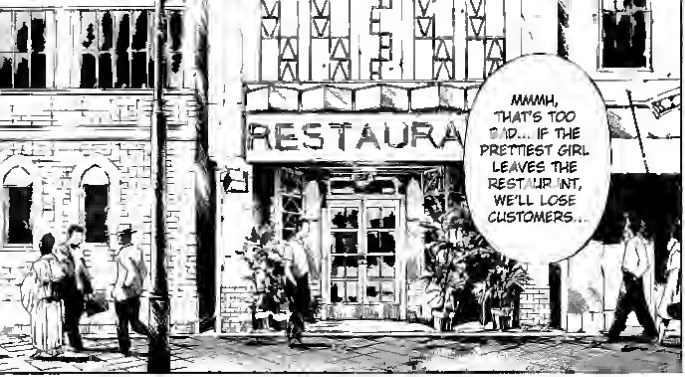

YES!
CLOSE YOUR EYES.
CAN YOU SEE ME PITCHING?
YES.
I CAN SEE...
...A SPARKLING STADIUM...
...WITH THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS CHEERING FOR YOU.
...WITH YOU JUST STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS ATMOSPHERE OF FREEDOM, THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WITH THE IRON ARM...

...AND AT STAKE IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY...

そしてもの凄い額のお金が賭かっています

THAT'S GOOD
NEXT MONTH I'M GOING TO AMERICA
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME WITH ME?

I'M HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU!
CER-TAINLY!

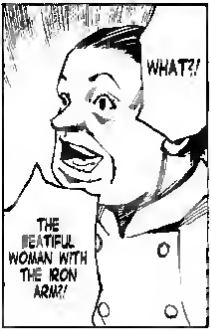

RESTAURA
MMMH, THAT'S TOO BAD... IF THE PRETTIEST GIRL LEAVES THE RESTAURANT, WE'LL LOSE CUSTOMERS...

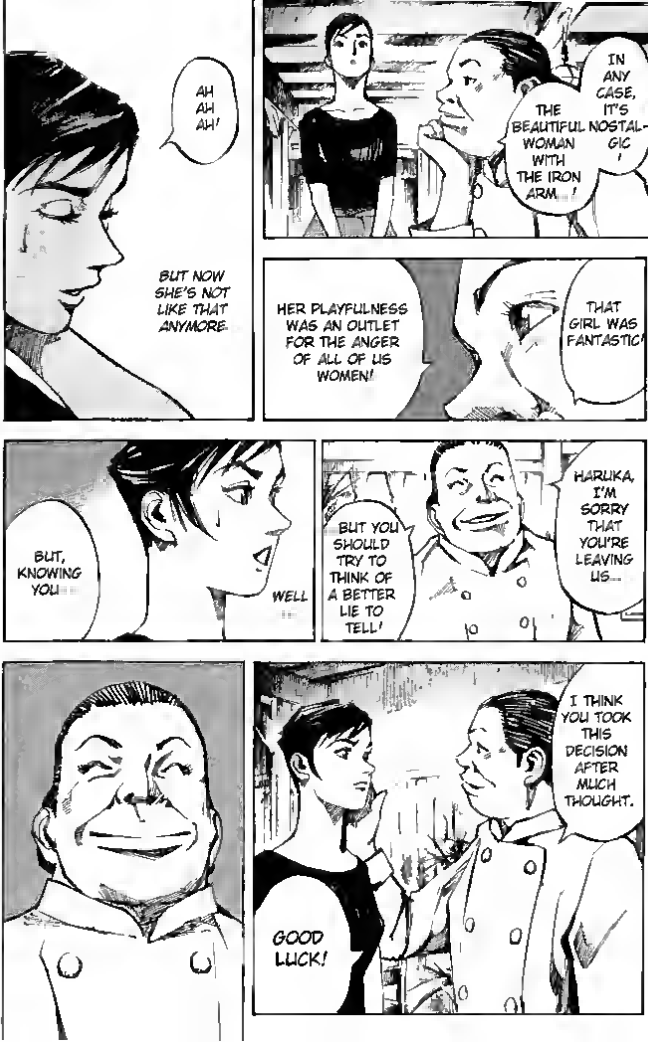
HMM..
...I'LL BE WORKING FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WITH THE IRON ARM..

SO, WHAT'S YOUR NEW JOB?

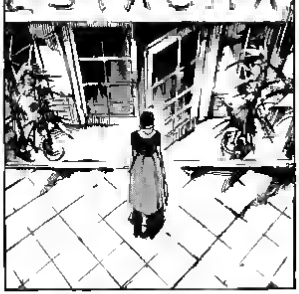
I'M SORRY ...

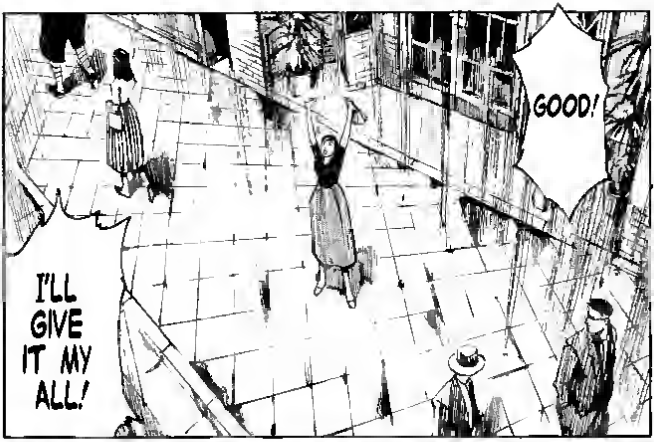
I HEARD THAT GIRL'S DISAPPEARED OFF TO WHO KNOWS WHERE.
YOUR STORY CAN'T BE REAL.


WHAT?!
THE BEATIFUL WOMAN WITH THE IRON ARM?!


AH AH AH!
BUT NOW SHE'S NOT LIKE THAT ANYMORE.
IN ANY CASE, IT'S NOSTALGIC!
THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WITH THE IRON ARM...!
THAT GIRL WAS FANTASTIC!
HER PLAYFULNESS WAS AN OUTLET FOR THE ANGER OF ALL OF US WOMEN!
HARUKA, I'M SORRY THAT YOU'RE LEAVING US...
BUT YOU SHOULD TRY TO THINK OF A BETTER LIE TO TELL!
WELL
BUT, KNOWING YOU...
I THINK YOU TOOK THIS DECISION AFTER MUCH THOUGHT.
GOOD LUCK!

MANAGERESS... THANK YOU...!



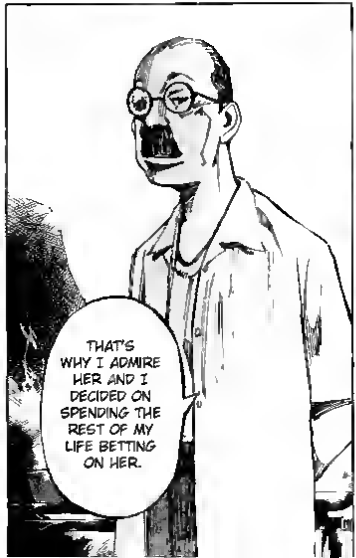

GOOD!
I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL!

OH WHAT'S GOING ON...?

PLEASE KEEP IT IN MIND

YOU'LL BE ENTERING THAT COUNTRY AS A FOREIGN STUDENT THAT'S YOUR COVER

YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE RIGHT?
MORE OR LESS

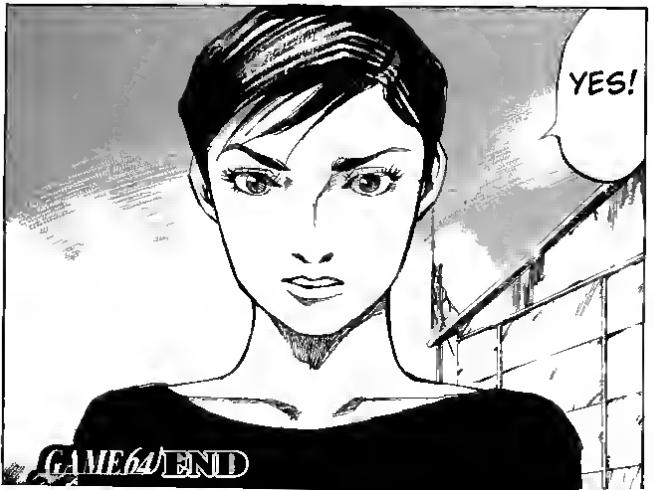

THAT'S WHY I ADMIRE HER AND I DECIDED ON SPENDING THE REST OF MY LIFE BETTING ON HER.

ズズ…

MISS HARUKA
…I NEVER SAW HER SPEND MONEY ON HERSELF…

KEEP HER SAFE WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH
AND MAKE IT SO SHE'LL REACH HER GOAL.

LET'S GO!


YES!
GAME 64 END

コバヤシ
FROM THIS COUNTRY COMES THE ARMY THAT IS OCCUPYING US.
なんだか
すごく大きい
IT LOOKS...
...REALLY VAST.

GAME 65
The Landing

WEL-COME!
I HEARD YOU ARE TAKING CARE OF OUR TROOPS IN JAPAN.
IT'S AN EXAG-GERA-TION!
R/THER, I HAVE TO THANK YOU.
TRRR
THEN, I HAVE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

HARUKA
WHAT ARE YOU SCARED OF?

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO TENSE

EVEN THOSE WHO LIVE HERE IN AMERICA ARE HUMAN BEINGS JUST LIKE US.

YRUP
THIS
ooo

...IS
AMERICA.

YOU ARE MISS HARUKA TORIGOE, RIGHT?
I'M MIKE TANAKA, I KEEP TRACK OF THINGS HERE IN AMERICA.

I WAS WAITING FOR YOU, BOSS!
THANKS

I'M TORIGOE
NICE TO MEET YOU!

...IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE HOTEL.
DID YOU FIND OUT WHERE HE IS?

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT IT TAKES TIME
WHERE... HE IS...?
WELL...
THERE ARE BETTER ONES... ARE YOU SURE SUCH AN ECONOMICAL ONE IS ALRIGHT?
IT ISN'T IMPOR-TANT...

*A SUM TOTALLING ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS = ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY MILLION YEN

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION YEN TAKEN FROM JAPAN AND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS* FROM HERE...
...THESE ARE OUR FUNDS AT THE MOMENT.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO REACH THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN THREE YEARS
THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS
YES.
HOW MUCH IS IT?
THREE HUNDRED MILLION YEN.
SO, THE NEWSPAPER YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO BUY...
IT MEANS, ONE HUNDRED BILLION YEN

THEY WILL SEND SOMEONE TO PICK YOU UP AT 7 O'CLOCK.
AT 7? ALL RIGHT.

I'LL HAVE THE MISSING CASH BY TONIGHT
LET'S BUY IT.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

そっちは頼んだわよ
I'M LEAVING THE REST TO YOU.

YES!
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR JOB IN YOUR ROOM.
THEN, MISS TORIGOE

HARUKA ...

I WAS ABOUT TO FAINT
BY THE WAY, THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IS AN ASTONISHING FIGURE

TO BE HONEST
I'M SURPRISED YOU FOLLOWED HER UP HERE

WELL
YOU'VE BEEN CAPTIVATED BY HER, RIGHT?

THE REASON FOR THE MATCH'S CANCELATION WAS THAT THE GHQ FEARED THAT THE DOLLARS WOULD BE TRANSFERED TO JAPAN

IT'S THE AMOUNT RICHARD BANKS BET ON THE MATCH BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA.

OUR BOSS WANTS TO OBTAIN THAT AMOUNT IN ORDER...
...TO CHALLENGE THEM AGAIN
I UNDERSTAND!
THREE YEARS—IT'S THE TIME SHE HAS LEFT TO STILL PITCH AMAZING FASTBALLS.
SO, WHAT'S MY JOB?
WELL...

AS THE PRIME ATTRACTION, WE WANT THIS MAN.
YES, BUT A MATCH THAT WON'T ALREADY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE MAJOR LEAGUE IN THIS COUNTRY.

...WE WANT TO ORGANIZE A BASE-BALL MATCH.
A MATCH?!

THIS PERSON IS FAMOUS?

HE IS JOE DUNKAN. HE'S HIT THE MOST HOMERUNS LAST YEAR, A REAL CHAMPION.
HE'S MORE FAMOUS THAN THE PRESIDENT.

THESE ARE THE DOCUMENTS ABOUT HIM. READ THEM BY TONIGHT
THMP

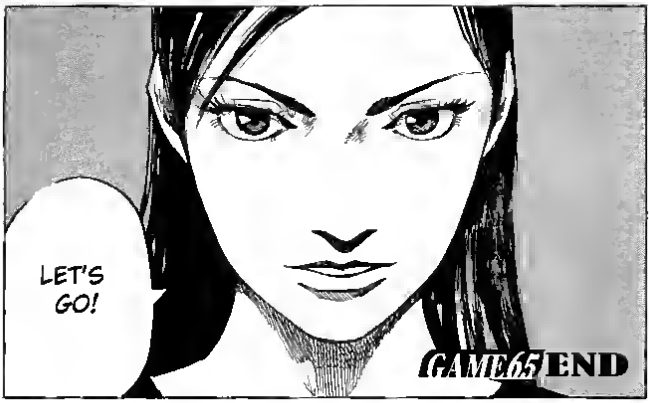
I HAVE ALREADY HIRED A PERSON TO BE YOUR ASSISTANT, TOMORROW YOU'LL GO TO NEW YORK
MAKING JOE DUNKAN SIT AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WILL BE YOUR JOB, MISS TORIGOE
WE ARE TRYING TO COLLECT A SUM EQUAL TO ONE HUNDRED BILLION YEN, AND WE ARE FEW.
LISTEN TO ME WELL.
T-TOMOR-ROW...
...ALONE?
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE BUT TO TRY.
WE ALL ARE WORKING EXTREMELY HARD.

YOU'LL BE MEETING A NORMAL PERSON
HOWEVER OUR BOSS, WHO HAS TO FIND THE MONEY WE'RE MISSING BY TONIGHT, IS IN A WORSE SITUATION.
EVEN THOSE WHO LIVE IN AMERICA ARE HUMAN BEINGS JUST LIKE US.
アメリカに住んでるのも同じ人間
AH, YEAH!
そうよ

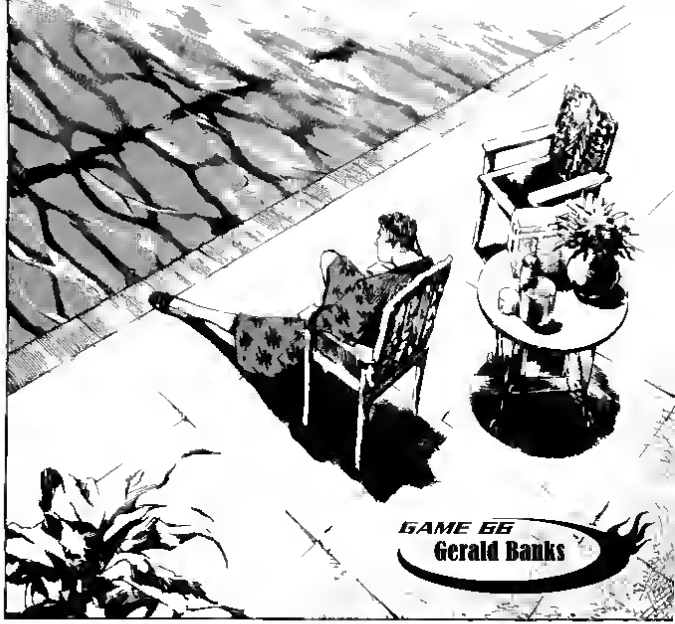
I'LL DO IT!

WHAT AN AGONY.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I HAVE A DATE IN SUCH A MISERABLE DISTRICT.
THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST TIME.
LONG TIME NO SEE!

WELCOME TO AMERICA!


LET'S GO!
GAME.65 END

YOU SURE YOU WON'T REGRET THIS?
IT'S NOT MY BUSINESS, BUT
MEH... I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU AT ALL
DON'T WORRY !


GAME 66
Gerald Banks

BROTHER!
SHE IS TOME KANO
MM— THERE ARE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS EVEN AMONG ORIENTALS WOMEN!
NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M TOME KANO.
—MISTER GERALD BANKS!
SIT DOWN...
YUSH
YUSH

FROM WHAT I HEARD, YOU WANT TO MARRY ME...

YES!
WHAT'S YOUR GOAL?
MONEY?
THERE'S THAT, TOO...

THIS IS THE FASTEST WAY TO GAIN THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN THIS COUNTRY
BUT WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS OBTAINING THE CITIZEN-SHIP, AND THE BANKS' NAME

IT'S A PRETTY LARGE SUM
THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS

THIS TIME, YOU WON'T HAVE A SIMILAR CONCERN
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT THEY ALL LEFT ME
UNTIL NOW I'VE HAD FOUR WIVES

YOU'RE SCARED OF BEING DEVOURED
YOU LOOK LIKE A BITCH LOOKING FOR FOOD.
WHATEVER. YOU HAVE NO APPEAL NOR ANY OTHER TYPE OF CHARM
NO MY BROTHER HAS NO INTEREST IN HER
KATE, LEAVE US ALONE ...
TO EXCHANGE WORDS OF LOVE WE NEED SOME INTIMACY
HSH!
SHH!

HEY, BITCH. YOU'RE TRYING TO SELL YOUR BODY.
DO YOU GET IT?

THIS IS MY PROBLEM.
IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT MY OFFER, I'LL FIND SOME OTHER MAN.

MY EX-WIFE ONLY GAVE BIRTH TO GIRLS.
I WANT A MALE HEIR.
THEN...
..WE'LL BE HUSBAND AND WIFE.
FIRST OF ALL, COULD YOU GRANT ME AN ADVANCE OF ONE MILLION AND FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS?

WHY DON'T WE DANCE?
WITH PLEA-SURE.

SO, WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
TAP
SHE HAS A CHARMING SIDE THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE
WHEN I TOOK HER HAND, I NOTICED SHE TREMBLED
THERE'S BEEN A MAN, WHO SHE LOVED TO THE POINT OF RISKING HER LIFE

I'LL GIVE YOU A HOTEL IN CHICAGO
USE IT AS YOU WILL!
CHINK

WHAT DRIVES YOU TO GO THIS FAR?

IF WE HAD LOST THAT DECISIVE MATCH BETWEEN AMERICA AND JAPAN... I WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP.
BUT THE FACT THAT THE MATCH WAS TAKEN FROM US, IS SOMETHING I JUST CAN'T STAND.
GIVEN HOW IT ENDED, I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO TRY AGAIN WHILE MAKING SURE NO ONE CAN INTERFERE...
AND BRINGING INTO PLAY THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY AS LAST TIME
I REALLY DON'T GET YOU.
TRYING TO SELL YOUR OWN BODY IS CRAZY
KATE, YOU WON'T EVER UNDERSTAND...

...HOW MUCH...
...WE JAPANESE WANTED TO WIN AGAINST YOU THAT DAY.
TOME... CAN I DO SOMETHING FOR YOU?
TRAIN YOURSELF TO PLAY AT YOUR BEST!

NY

I JUST ARRIVED AT THE HOTEL.
VERY GOOD.

502
GO MEET BROOKLYN TIMES REPORTER ROGER COOK.
HE'LL BE YOUR INTERMEDIARY TO MEET JOE DUNKAN.
I'LL BE LATE!
PANT
PANT
IT'S HERE!
LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR, WHETHER THE MATCH WILL BE A SUCCESS OR NOT, IS UP TO YOU.
PANT
PANT
EHM... EXCUSE ME, YOU'RE MISTER COOK, RIGHT?
I'M TORIGOE, WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT.
I'M AWAITING... GOOD RESULTS FROM YOU...

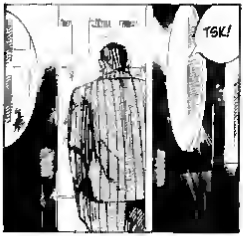
YOU HAD ASKED ME TO GET YOU IN CONTACT WITH JOE DUNKAN, RIGHT?
YES.

WELL, I WON'T DO IT.

I'M SORRY?!
GAME 66 END

BUT WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?!
YOU REFUSE ...?
GO AWAY!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU HAD ACCEPTED MY REQUEST!
NOT TO MENTION, MY COMPENSATION WAS TOO LITTLE
BE SERIOUS ! AN ORIENTAL WOULD LIKE TO MEET JOE DUNKAN?
GINA, MY DRINKS ARE ON HER.
THIS CAN'T BE...
WAIT A MOMENT !
BUT!

THUMP
Confetti

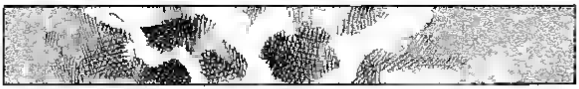

TSK!

STOP IT! THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, TAKING IT OUT ON A GIRL?!

DID HE HURT YOU?

YOU WORK IN THE BASEBALL WORLD, RIGHT? WHY DID YOU COME TO COOK OF ALL PEOPLE?
BUT...
NO.
EHM... HOW MUCH IS IT?
DON'T WORRY...YOU JUST MET HIM, RIGHT? THERE'S NO NEED TO PAY FOR HIM.
UFF!
IT'S AN OLD STORY BY NOW.
MY SUPERIOR TOLD ME HE WAS A TALENTED REPORTER.
HE WROTE?
NOWADAYS THEY ONLY LET HIM DO LITTLE JOBS... THEY DON'T LET HIM WRITE HIS PIECES ANYMORE.
HE WROTE ARTICLES THAT MADE PEOPLE DREAM
HE WAS A GREAT REPORTER, EVEN THOUGH HE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH NOW.

PLEASE!
I'M PRETTY FREE RIGHT NOW ANYWAY... I CAN HAVE SOME DRINKS
OK...
UHMM... IF IT'S NOT A PROBLEM, COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME HIS STORY?



IT WAS JOE DUNKAN
COOK WAS DEPRIVED OF EVERYTHING HE HAD WHEN JOE BECAME THE NATIONAL HERO

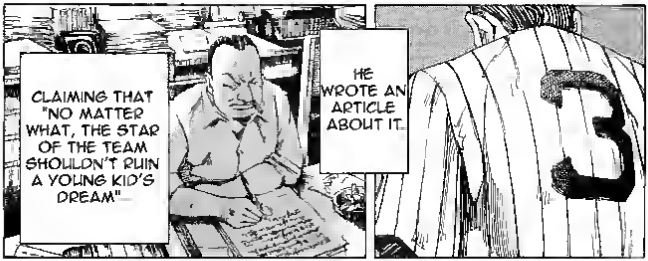
HE WAS THE BEST BASEBALL REPORTER IN NEW YORK
EVERY PLAYER WISHED HE WOULD WRITE A PIECE ON THEM
NO MATTER HOW THEY KEPT LOSING, HE WOULD NEVER REFUSE THEM
MOST OF ALL, HE LIKED THE GROOVERS, A LITTLE TEAM
JOE, A PROMISING YOUNG PLAYER, WAS FOND OF COOK LIKE HE WERE HIS FATHER
EVEN THE NORMAL PEOPLE IN NEW YORK LIKED JOE, WHO EASILY GOT INTO A TEAM THAT WAS THOUGHT LITTLE OF

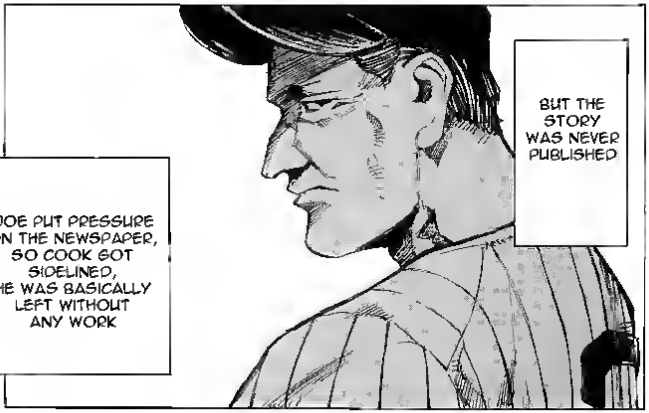
The Brooklyn
NY SUNNY
PARTLY CONFETT
HOWEVER THAT TEAM WON THE CHAMPION-SHIP THE NEXT YEAR BY A HUGE MARGIN, THEY EVEN WON THE WORLD SERIES AFTER THAT

JOE BECAME A NATIONAL HERO AFTER HAVING HIT AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF HOME RUN

—HOW HE WAS REFUS-ING AN AUTO-GRAPH TO A YOUNG KID AND MISTREATING HIM

BUT, SOMEDAY COOK HAPPENED TO SEE


CLAIMING THAT "NO MATTER WHAT, THE STAR OF THE TEAM SHOULDN'T RUIN A YOUNG KID'S DREAM"...
HE WROTE AN ARTICLE ABOUT IT...


JOE PUT PRESSURE ON THE NEWSPAPER, SO COOK GOT SIDELINED, HE WAS BASICALLY LEFT WITHOUT ANY WORK
BUT THE STORY WAS NEVER PUBLISHED

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NY SUNNY PARTLY CONFETTI
"NY SUNNY PARTLY CONFETTI"
IT'S THE STORY HE WROTE WHEN THE TEAM WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP
HE'S HIT ROCK BOTTOM
IT'S A REALLY WITTY TITLE, DON'T YOU THINK?
YES
COOK ONCE USED TO REPEAT, LIKE A REITERATION ...
...THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER SPORTS AS DRAMATIC AS BASEBALL!

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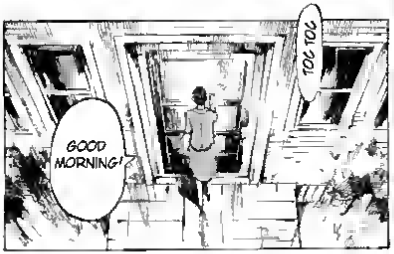
PARTLY
CONFETTI...

SUCH
NICE
WORDS...!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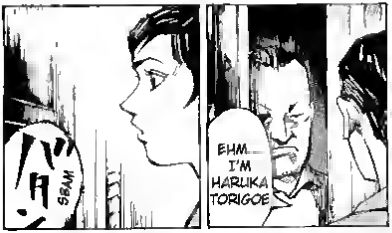
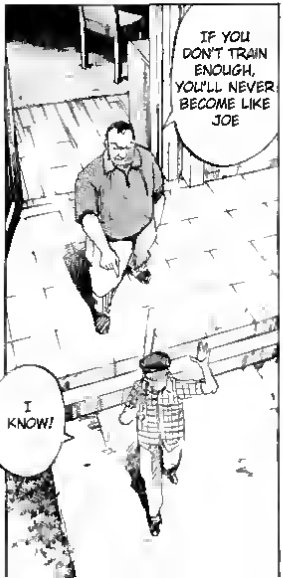
GOOD MORNING!


SBAM
EHM... I'M HARUKA TORIGOE

IT'S YOU, SAM ...?

HEY COACH! THERE'S A MATCH TODAY, DON'T YOU WANT TO COME SEE IT?

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T TODAY
OH, WELL ..


IF YOU DON'T TRAIN ENOUGH, YOU'LL NEVER BECOME LIKE JOE
I KNOW!

YOU KNOW? LAST TIME I HIT A HOME RUN JUST LIKE JOE!

THAT'S RIGHT! I'LL BECOME A BATTER LIKE JOE IF YOU STAY BEING MY COACH!

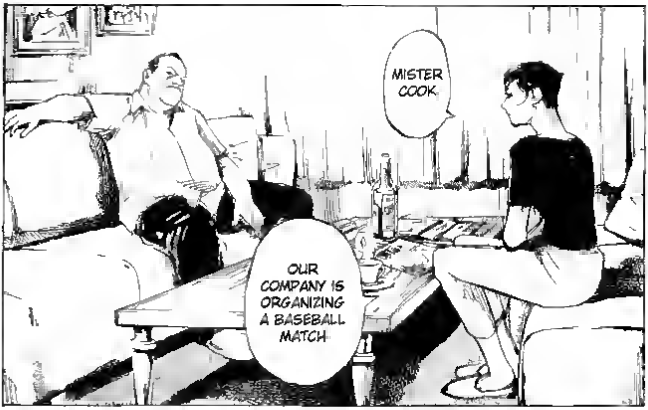
THAT'S GOOD, YOU'RE MAKING PROGRESS!

YOU DON'T WANT TO RUIN THE DREAMS OF YOUNG KIDS.
CHAK

HMG HMG
AT THIS POINT, THAT GIRL IS THE ONLY ONE COMING BY TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.
WHY DON'T YOU LISTEN TO HER AT LEAST?
DEAR
IT'S ALREADY BEEN A WEEK
IMAGINE IT, SHE WANTS TO MEET JOE— I CAN'T DO ANY-THING AT ALL
IT'S SOME-THING THAT HAS TO DO WITH BASE-BALL

SERIOUSLY, LOOK AT YOU, YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT.
BUT IF THEY TAKE BASEBALL AWAY FROM YOU, WHAT'S LEFT FOR YOU?
TO COME IN.
I'LL INVITE THAT GIRL
THANK YOU.
TLIK

YES, RIGHT
IT'S BETTER IF YOU ASK HIM RIGHT AWAY WHAT YOU WANT. IF HE KEEPS DRINKING HE'LL FORGET EVERYTHING


MISTER COOK
OUR COMPANY IS ORGANIZING A BASEBALL MATCH

IN THAT MATCH WE'D LIKE TO LET ONE OF OUR PLAYERS CHALLENGE JOE DUNKAN

CHAL-
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JOE?!
A JAPAN-
ESE...?
YES.

THERE'S
A PITCHER
THAT CAN
STRIKE OUT
HIM?
WHAT
TYPE OF
PITCHER
IS HE?

SHE'S A
LEFT-HANDED
PITCHER.

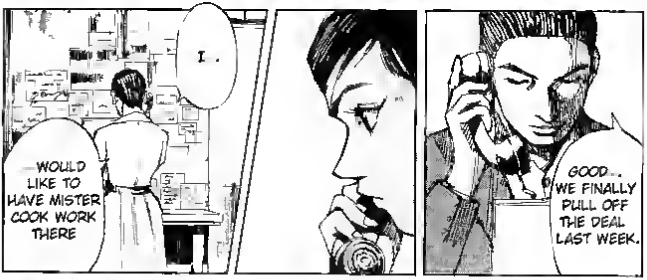
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE WANT TO DO IT!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JOE DUNKAN, THE BIGGEST AMERICAN BASEBALL STAR!
OH?
WELL, IT'S REALLY INTERESTING
IF YOUR OLD ENEMY GETS TAKEN OUT BY A WOMAN...
...THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

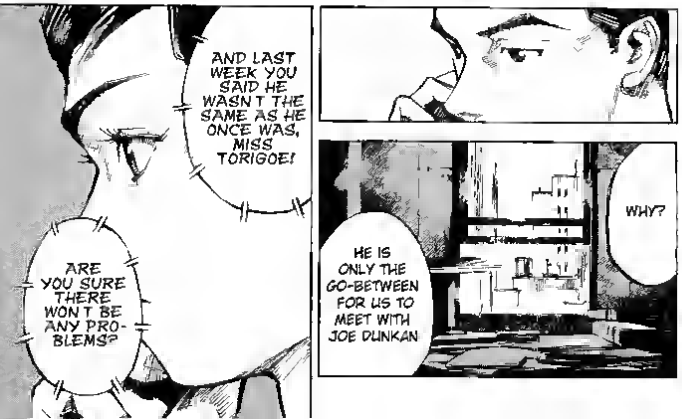
YOU ASKED ME TO BE THE INTERMEDIARY TO GET IN CONTACT WITH JOE, RIGHT?!
HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE THAT TO HIM?
WHAT NICE TITLE COULD YOU THINK OF?
THUMP
MISTER COOK.
—SURELY CONFETTI WILL DANCE IN THE AIR ONCE AGAIN.
—BUT I THINK I'LL TALK TO HIM FRANKLY.
I STILL DON'T KNOW.
HE'S LOST THE SENSIBLE SPIRIT THAT HE ONCE HAD.
HE'LL NEVER LISTEN TO A PROPOSITION LIKE THAT.

PLEASE, GIVE US A HAND!
IT'LL BE A BIG JOB, LIKE THOSE YOU HAVEN'T HAD FOR A WHILE.
IT'S SOMETHING SO ODD TO BOOST.

THAT WOMAN...
IS SHE ABLE TO PITCH FAST-BALLS?
YES!
HER FASTBALLS ARE REALLY FAST!
CAN I SEE HOW SHE PITCHES?
CERTAINLY!
GAME 67 END

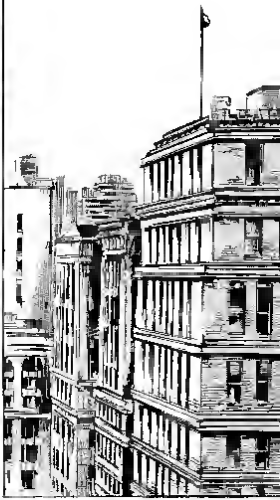
MISTER MIKE, HOW DID THE BUY OUT OF THAT NEWSPAPER GO?


I..
—WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MISTER COOK WORK THERE
GOOD... WE FINALLY PULL OFF THE DEAL LAST WEEK.


AND LAST WEEK YOU SAID HE WASN'T THE SAME AS HE ONCE WAS, MISS TORIGOE!
ARE YOU SURE THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS?
HE IS ONLY THE GO-BETWEEN FOR US TO MEET WITH JOE DUNKAN
WHY?

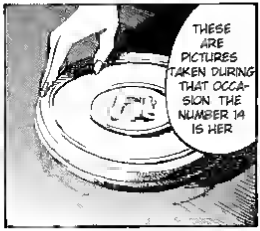
GAME 68
Pride

OUR BOSS GOT THE FUNDS THROUGH PUTTING HERSELF AT STAKE, WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO WASTE
ANOTHER THING, COULD I DECIDE ON HIS COMPENSATION?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I WANT TO SAY?
BUT, I ENTRUSTED THE NEW YORK CASE TO YOU
WHEN YOU'VE DECIDED ON THE COMPENSATION, LET ME KNOW.
ALRIGHT.



DID YOU KNOW THAT LAST YEAR IN JAPAN, A WOMEN'S BASEBALL MATCH WAS ORGANIZED BETWEEN AMERICA AND JAPAN?
OH, THE ONE THAT THE BANKS FAMILY ACCEPTED TO HAVE SOME FUN?!

I WANT TO WATCH IT NOW.


THESE ARE PICTURES TAKEN DURING THAT OCCASION. THE NUMBER 14 IS HER

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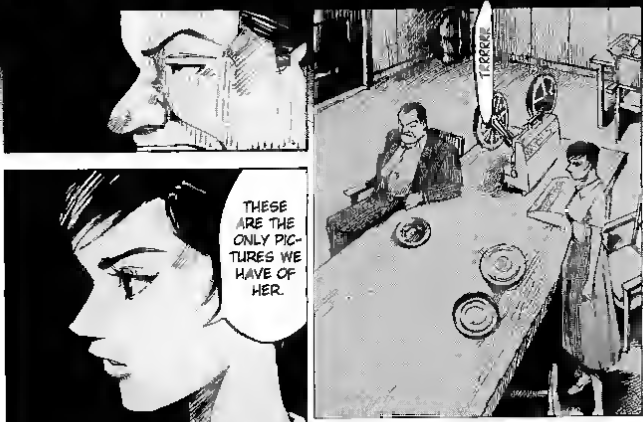
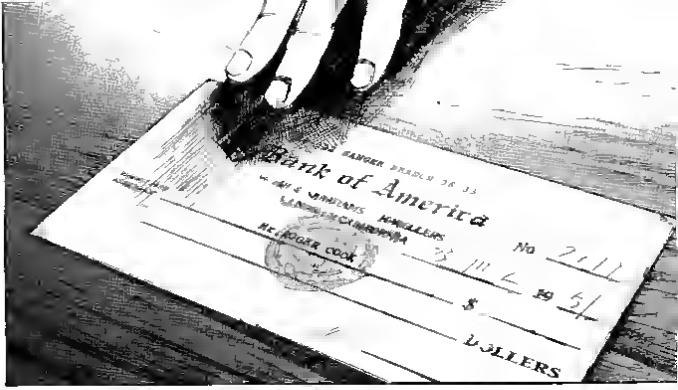

THESE ARE THE ONLY PICTURES WE HAVE OF HER.
TERRRRR

HER BALLS ARE FAST FOR A FEMALE PITCHER
BUT WE'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT JOE DUNKAN, THE WORLD'S BEST BATTER
I KNOW
THIS WOMEN'S BASEBALL MATCH FELT LIKE THE FINAL MATCH OF THE WORLD SERIES
IT FELT AS IF YOU COULD ALMOST HEAR THE SOUND OF THE PITCHES
TO TELL THE TRUTH, OUR COMPANY BOUGHT A LITTLE NEWS-PAPER HERE IN THE STATES
IF WE CAN MAKE THIS MATCH HAPPEN, THE RESULT WILL SHOW UP ITSELF
BUT YOU CAN NEVER KNOW, BEFORE YOU TRY

YES!
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE ?!
A...
...A NEWS-PAPER?!
OUR PRESIDENT, TOME KANO SHE'S BECOME A BANKS A FEW DAYS AGO
IF I'M TELLING YOU THIS, THEN YOU MIGHT BE ALBE TO UNDER-STAND THE SITUATION
SHE'S BECOME A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE RICHEST FAMILIES IN OUR COUNTRY?
COULD YOU WRITE SOME ARTICLES FOR OUR NEWS-PAPER?
MISTER COOK!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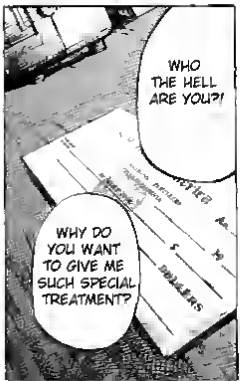
DOLLARS

I'LL TRY TO DEAL WITH OUR COMPANY TO GET IT FOR YOU.
JUST WRITE DOWN THE AMOUNT YOU'RE SATISFIED WITH.


WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GIVE ME SUCH SPECIAL TREATMENT?
DOLLARS

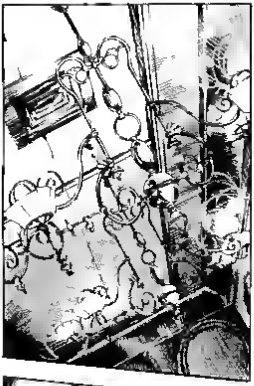
THAT'S ALL.
NY SUNNY PARTLY CONFETTI
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL TITLE
TODAY IS MY WIFE'S BIRTHDAY
COME WITH US!

WHAT'S WRONG? WHY THAT SULKY FACE?
THE JOB NEGOTIATION DIDN'T GO WELL?

CAROLINE

THIS JOB IS DIFFICULT.
THE MOST DIFFICULT THING FOR ME IS TO COME TO TERMS WITH MY PRIDE TO SUCCEED IN THIS JOB. I'LL HAVE TO LOWER MY HEAD IN FRONT OF A LOT OF PEOPLE

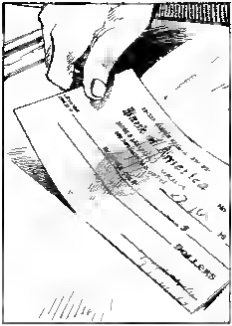
THIS WOULD BE MY BIRTHDAY'S GIFT, YES?
ARE YOU OK WITH THIS?
I'LL ALSO HAVE TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR CERTAIN THINGS
YOU TOO WILL HAVE TO SUFFER
TORIGOE, WAIT A MOMENT!



I'M ROGER COOK

I'D LIKE TO TELL JOE I'M SORRY... WHERE IS HE NOW?
YES... EXACTLY

TORIGOE
...I SUPPOSE THAT IN REALITY YOU CAN'T ACCEPT WHATEVER AMOUNT, RIGHT?!


DOLLARS

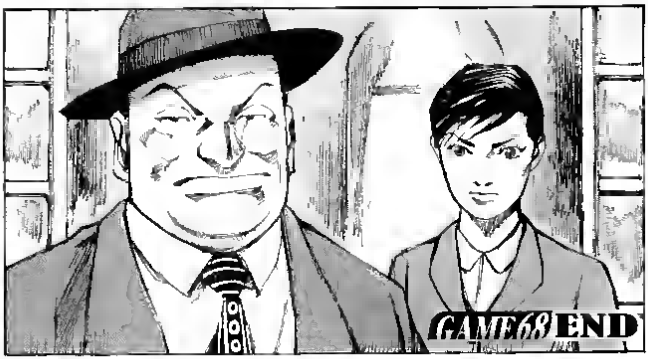
FOR NOW, I'LL BE CONTENT WITH THE SAME SALARY I RECEIVED AT MY OLD NEWSPAPER
THE
EHM...
WELL...
I'M STILL A REPORTER AFTERALL.
MY REMUNERATIONS WILL BE FOR THE ARTICLES I'LL WRITE.
TO KICK IT OFF, I'LL ORGANIZE A DRAMATIC BASEBALL MATCH...
...THEN I'LL WRITE A STORY ABOUT IT.

BUT ...
... ARE YOU SURE ?!
I'VE GOT...
AN APPOINT-MENT WITH HIM, AT NOON TOMOR-ROW.
I....
...THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

HE'S A SPIKY FELLOW
IT'S BETTER IF I DO THE TALKING
THAT OK?

YES... I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

LET'S GO! IT'S SHOWTIME!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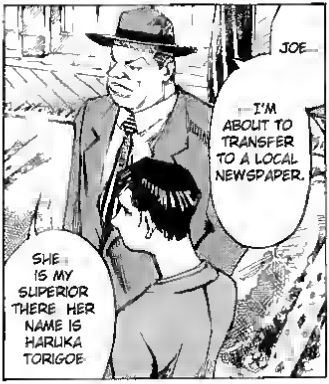
HEY, COOK!
I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH YOU ANYMORE


JOE
I'M ABOUT TO TRANSFER TO A LOCAL NEWSPAPER.
SHE IS MY SUPERIOR THERE HER NAME IS HARUKA TORIGOE

THIS MAN...
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M TORIGOE.

GAME 69
The Game Never Seen By Anyone

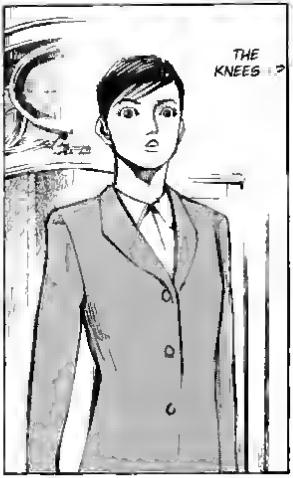
MMM!
FINALLY YOU CAME TO UNDER-STAND...
I'M SORRY.
I REGRET HAVING CAUSED YOU TROUBLE WITH THAT STORY.

...THAT YOU BASEBALL REPORTERS ARE LIKE PARASITES WHO LIVE OFF THE PLAYERS!
P-PARASITES...?! THAT'S CRUEL!
YOU GOT TO SECOND BASE BY A HAIR, SLIDING...
SINCE THEN, YOU'VE BECOME GRUMPY.
AUGUST 26TH 1947
...IT WAS YOUR THIRD TIME AT BAT UNDER THE RAIN...

ALSO, BECAUSE OF THE EXCESSIVE TRAINING DURING THE SPRING TRAINING CAMP THE FOLLOWING YEAR, YOU HURT YOURSELF IN THAT SAME SPOT
IT WAS AN INJURY CAUSED BY YOUR OWN IMPATIENCE
UNTIL THEN YOU HAD HIT LOW BALLS THAT CAME NEAR YOUR BODY WITH 43% SUCCESS RATE
BUT AFTER THAT DAY, THE SUCCESS RATE WENT DOWN TO 20%...
AFTERWARDS YOU'VE HIT ONLY ONE HOMERUN COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF THE PAST, NAMELY THE TWENTY-THIRD SCORED LAST YEAR
LISTEN, JOE...
WHAT TREMENDOUS MEMORY..!

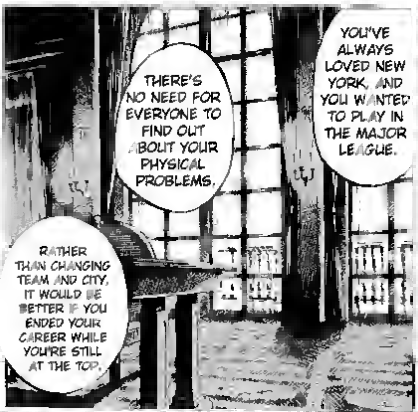
YOUR KNEES ARE NO LONGER RECOVER-ABLE!

WITH YOUR ABILITY AT BAT, EVEN IF YOU HAVE SOME PROBLEMS, YOU MANAGE TO GET BETTER RESULTS THAN A COMMON PLAYER
INDEED, THE TECHNIQUE WITH WHICH YOU HIT OUTSIDE BALLS HAS IMPROVED MORE AND MORE!


THE KNEES ...?

AFTER HAVING WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP THE GROOVERS ARE EXHAUSTED.
EVEN THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS IS DECREASING
BUT YOU'RE ALREADY 33 YEARS OLD. YOUR BODY IS STARTING TO WEAKEN
SELLING THE TEAM?!
MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET, BUT THE TEAM OWNER IS ON THE VERGE OF SELLING OFF THE TEAM.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
YOUR SALARY IS THE HIGHEST, YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

WHY DON'T YOU RETIRE...
...WHILE YOU'RE STILL THE HERO OF NEW YORK?


THERE'S NO NEED FOR EVERYONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR PHYSICAL PROBLEMS.
RATHER THAN CHANGING TEAM AND CITY, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU ENDED YOUR CAREER WHILE YOU'RE STILL AT THE TOP.

YOU'VE ALWAYS LOVED NEW YORK, AND YOU WANTED TO PLAY IN THE MAJOR LEAGUE.

THERE'S A PITCHER FROM THE DISTANT JAPAN WITH THE DREAM OF CHALLENGING YOU.
LET ME ORGANIZE YOUR FAREWELL GAME!
I NEVER SAID I WANT TO RETIRE.

I WANT IT TO BE A GAME NEVER SEEN BEFORE BY ANYONE

HE'S A PITCHER WITH A BIG HEART, REALLY CHARMING

I DON'T WANT JOE DUNKAN'S FAREWELL GAME TO BE AN ORDINARY ONE

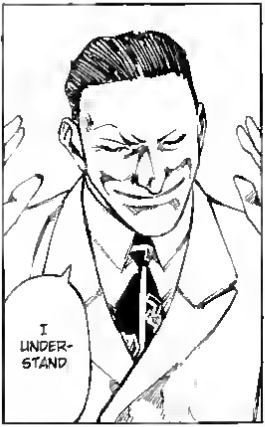
YOU'LL AGREE WITH ME, RIGHT, MISS TORIGOE?

Y...
...YES!

WHY?
WHY WOULD CHALLENGING THAT JAPANESE PITCHER TURN IT INTO SUCH A MEMORABLE GAME?
EHM
I MEAN NO OFFENSE BUT...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HIT HIS PITCHES

HE PITCHES SO FAST THAT YOU'LL SURELY GET STRUCK OUT, MR. DUNKAN!

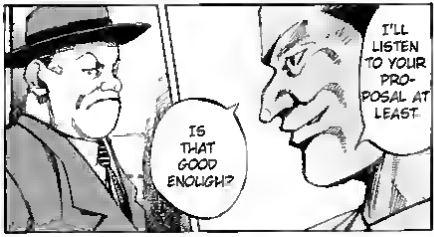
BUT...
...I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!
ME, GETTING STRUCK OUT BY A JAPANESE?
THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING!
OUR NEWSPAPER INTENDS TO ORGANIZE THIS GAME
COULDN'T YOU FOR ONCE SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS IT?
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING...
...MISTER NY

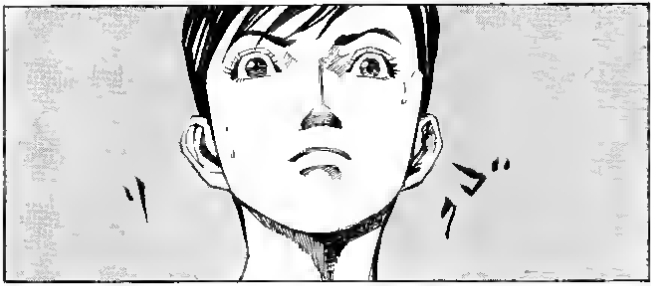

I UNDER-STAND

COOK!
TO BE EXACT, THE TWENTY-FOURTH THE NEXT DAY, DIDN'T CAUSE ME MUCH PAIN.

I DIDN'T WATCH THAT GAME. I WAS TOO DRUNK FROM THE DAY BEFORE...
THANKS TO THE JOY YOUR HOMERUN GAVE ME

REALLY ...? THANKS!


I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR PRO-POSAL AT LEAST.
IS THAT GOOD ENOUGH?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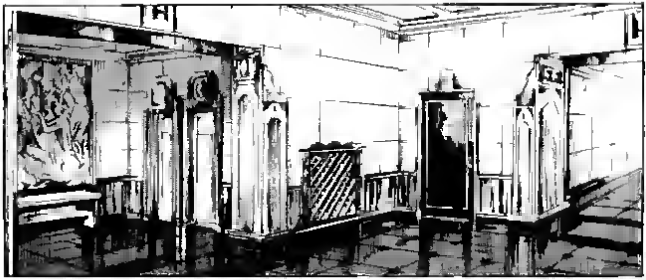

HA... HA...
SORRY, I DIDN'T FIND THE RIGHT TIME
MISTER COOK... YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM THAT HE'LL HAVE TO CHALLENGE A WOMAN

I'VE MADE A STEP FORWARD, MRS TOME!
WELL... LET'S SEE HOW GOOD OUR BOSS WILL BE

YEP! THIS YEAR HE'LL HIT A LOT OF HOME RUNS!
JOE SHOWS OFF HIS ABILITY AT EVERY CHANCE LATELY.

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HEY, IT'S HIM WE'RE TALKING ABOUT! HE'S A REAL CHAMPION!

WELL THERE'S NO MEANING IN CHALLENGING THE SMALL FRY DON'T YOU THINK?

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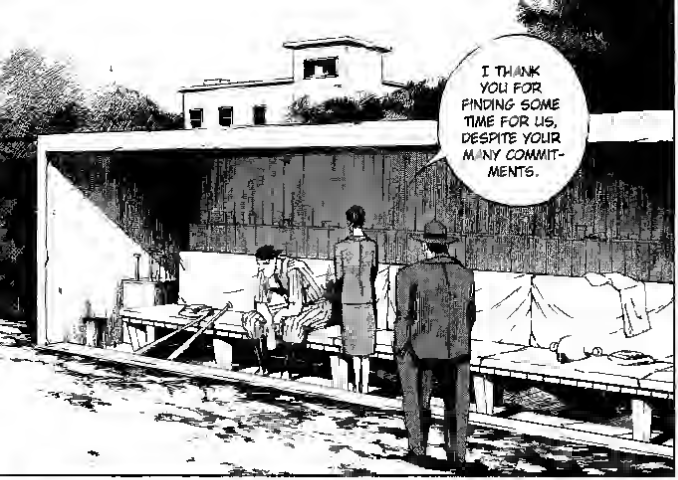
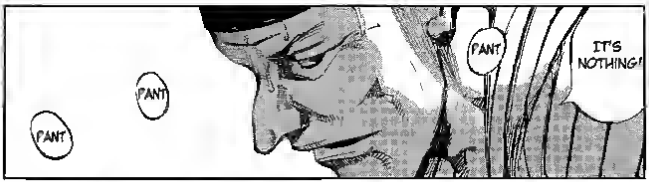

I THANK YOU FOR FINDING SOME TIME FOR US, DESPITE YOUR MANY COMMITMENTS.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IT'S NOTHING!

WELL...
...SHE'S HAVING FUN OVER THERE...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOUR BOSS DIDN'T COME WITH YOU?!

GAME 70
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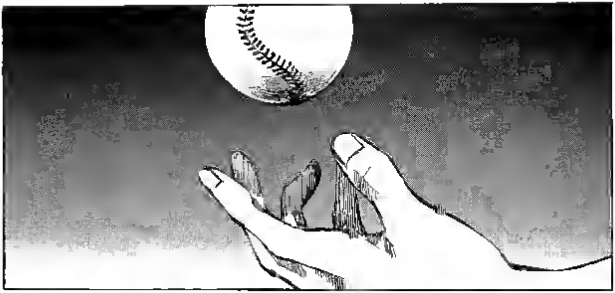

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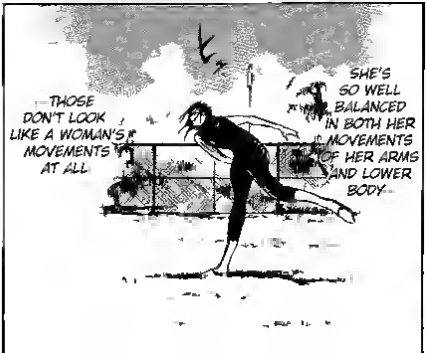
AS ALWAYS, IT'S GREAT TO PLAY HERE!
I'M STARTING TO GET EXCITED!

I'M ON A BASE-BALL FIELD AFTER SO MUCH TIME!


THOSE DON'T LOOK LIKE A WOMAN'S MOVEMENTS AT ALL
SHE'S SO WELL BALANCED IN BOTH HER MOVEMENTS OF HER ARMS AND LOWER BODY

TOME KANO

MAYBE THERE IS INDEED SOME GOOD PITCHER...

IF EVEN A WOMAN PLAYS IT, I GUESS THAT BASEBALL IS REALLY POPULAR IN JAPAN...

MISTER DUNKAN...

...THE PITCHER WHO CAME FROM JAPAN WITH THE DREAM OF CHALLENGING YOU...
DODGERS
...IS NONE OTHER THAN HER.

I TOLD YOU...
...THAT IT WILL BE A GAME LIKE NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN!
ONE MOMENT!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
SCOOVERS
MAYBE I HEARD IT WRONG. REPEAT IT, PLEASE!
AHAHAHA!
AHAHA!

I SHOULD FACE A WOMAN?!
NOT EVEN IN A CIRCUS YOU'D SEE SOME-THING LIKE THAT!
JOE, LOOK!
SHE'S NOT BAD AT ALL!

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SHE'S NOT JOKING...
WHA ...?!
AAAAH!

DUMMY!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PITCH AT FULL STRENGTH!
AHAHAHA!
SORRY!
NICE TO MEET YOU!

GROOVE
I'M TOME KANO.
BANKS ?
HELLO !
SHE'S KATE BANKS, MY SISTER -IN-LAW
YES
THE DAUGHTER OF THE FAMOUS RICHARD BANKS.

IF I...
...WERE STRUCK OUT BY A WOMAN...
IT WILL BE A REALLY INTERESTING SHOW!
COMMITTING TO THIS GAME WILL COME IN HANDY FOR YOU
IT WOULD BE ENTER-TAINING
...THEN THE GAME WILL BE YOURS
MY SISTER-IN-LAW IS A PITCHER.
IT'S PART OF HER INSTINCT WANTING TO CHALLENGE THE BEST BATTER IN THE WORLD

THE PITCHER THROWS THE BALL AND THE BATTER HITS IT.
GENDER DIFFERENCE IS OF NO INTEREST WHILE DOING SO, IS IT?
WHAT'S YOUR REAL GOAL?
GETTING PUBLICITY.

SHE ISN'T INTIMIDATED BY JOE AT ALL.
SHE'S AN AMAZING WOMAN
こいつはひょっとすると
SHE MIGHT
HAVE A REAL CHANCE OF STRIKING HIM OUT.
本当に打ち取っちまうかもしれん

MRS TOME,
THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T UNDERSTAND

THE GAME AGAINST HIM... IT WILL BE MARVELOUS AND I'M EXCITED TO SEE IT...
...BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THIS GAME COULD BRING YOU A LARGE SUM OF MONEY.
WHAT IS IT?

HARUKA WHAT DID WE BUY, BEFORE ENTERING THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JOE DUNKAN?
A NEWS-PAPER..
BY EXPLOI-TING THIS GAME ..
IF YOU KNOW HOW TO USE IT, A NEWS-PAPER CAN BE A GREAT SOURCE FOR MONEY
THEY ARE MAGIC SHEETS OF PAPER, CAPABLE OF MOVING PEOPLE
. I'LL MAKE THE ENTIRE AMERICAN POPULATION BUY MY NEWSPAPER!
人の心を動かす……
MOVING PEOPLE!

I WAS BORN IN THIS CITY...
...HERE I GREW UP DREAMING OF PLAYING IN THE MAJOR LEAGUE

...BECAUSE OF MY KNEES... THEY DIDN'T MOVE LIKE I WANTED THEM TO
WHEN I REFUSED TO GIVE MY AUTO-GRAPH TO THAT LITTLE KID... I WAS REALLY IRRITATED...
I KNOW, YOU'RE THE HERO OF NEW YORK.
THAT'S ENOUGH THAT EPISODE IS NOW IN THE PAST
WOULD IT REALLY BE FOR THE BEST THAT I RETIRE?
LISTEN, COOK!
...JOE!
IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE...

I'LL TRY TO BET...
...FOR THE END OF MY CAREER...
...ON THE MATCH AGAINST THAT WOMAN!
GAME70 END

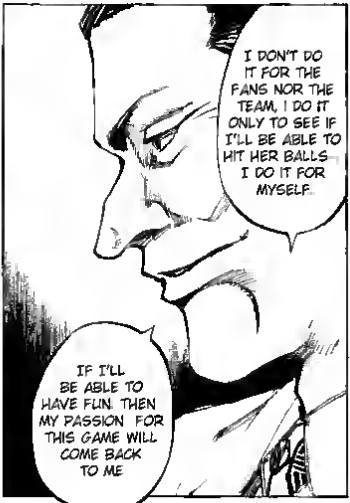
SUN
SUN TIMES
WHY JOE
JOE DUNKAN CHALLENGING AN EASTERN FEMALE PITCHER, PUTTING HIS CAREER ON THE LINE!

FINALLY, HERE'S OUR NEWSPAPER'S FIRST SCOOP!
THIS BIG NEWS HAS SPREAD ALL OVER AMERICA
AND THE NEWSPAPER THAT EXCLUSIVELY REPORTED ON IT SOLD OUT.

GROOVERS
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
YOU'RE OUR TEAM'S TREASURE! WE CAN'T LET YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
SAY SOMETHING, JOE!

MY KNEES ARE ALMOST AT THEIR LIMIT.
I'M BROKEN.

WHAT...


I DON'T DO IT FOR THE FANS NOR THE TEAM, I DO IT ONLY TO SEE IF I'LL BE ABLE TO HIT HER BALLS... I DO IT FOR MYSELF.
IF I'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE FUN, THEN MY PASSION FOR THIS GAME WILL COME BACK TO ME

JOE...
THAT WOMAN IS WORTH SO MUCH?

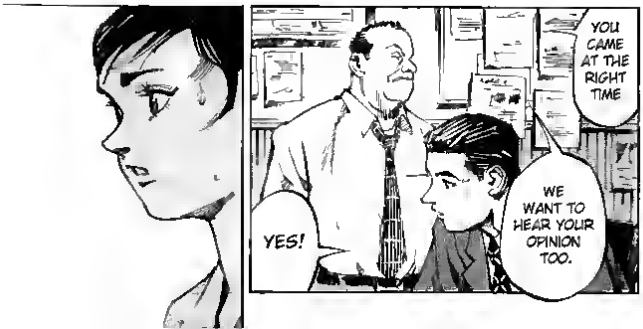
YES.
GAME 71
GET BACK

TAP
TAP

SUN TIMES
L.A. NEWSPAPER OFFICE

MISTER COOK ...
...THEY CAN'T WAIT ANYMORE LONGER FOR THE HEADLINE!

EHM ...
IS SOME-THING THE MATTER?
WHAT'S WITH THOSE TWO ...?
WHAT ?!


YES!
WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINION TOO.
YOU CAME AT THE RIGHT TIME

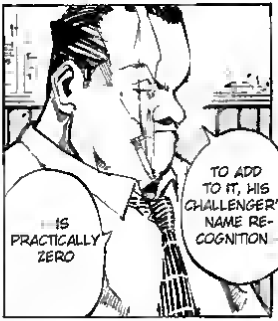
BUT, THE BIG NEWSPAPERS AREN'T TALKING ABOUT IT AT ALL.

IT'S TRUE THAT THE STORY ABOUT JOE DUNKAN'S RETIREMENT DID CATCH PEOPLE'S INTEREST
ACCORDINGLY, OUR CIRCULATION NUMBER HAS INCREASED A GREAT DEAL

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THEY THINK THAT A LOCAL JOURNAL IS WRITING A FAKE STORY, SPREADING IT IN A SENSATIONAL WAY.
THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY RETIRE

HIS CHALLENGER
...YOU MEAN MRS TOME?
EXACTLY!


TO ADD TO IT, HIS CHALLENGER'S NAME RECOGNITION
IS PRACTICALLY ZERO

THERE'S NOT TOO MUCH TO WORK WITH... WE NEED TO MAKE THE NEXT MOVE, CAPTURE PEOPLE'S INTEREST ONCE AND FOR ALL
EVEN IF SHE'S EXTREMELY FAMOUS IN JAPAN, HERE SHE'S ONLY CONSIDERED AN EASTERNER COMING FROM A DEFEATED NATION...
THE ONLY OTHER INFORMATION IS THAT SHE'S PART OF THE BANKS FAMILY.
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING SO SUDDENLY...
I WAS TALKING WITH MIKE ABOUT IT JUST NOW I'M THINKING OF USING THIS...

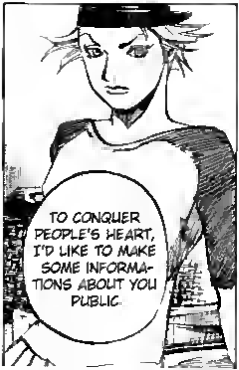
SHE WANTS A HUNDRED BILLION YEN, RIGHT?!
THEN SHE'LL HAVE TO SACRIFICE HERSELF IN MANY WAYS.

WAIT A MOMENT YOU TWO!
WHY DO WE NEED TO GO THIS FAR?!

LET'S TALK TO HER ABOUT IT, AT LEAST.

WE NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

WHAT I'M ABOUT TO PROPOSE WON'T BE AN EASY THING FOR YOU—

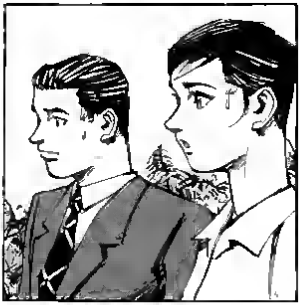

TO CONQUER PEOPLE'S HEART, I'D LIKE TO MAKE SOME INFORMATIONS ABOUT YOU PUBLIC.

TELL ME!

...BUT IT IS NECESSARY IF WE WANT THIS GAME TO BRING IN A LOT OF MONEY.

A TOUCHING STORY, ABLE TO BYPASS JOE DUNKAN'S POPULLARITY..
WITHOUT THESE INFORMATIONS, THE MATCH WILL BE MONOPOLIZED BY HIM.
I UNDER-STAND.
YOU HAD A BOYFRIEND, WHO ENDED UP IN THE AMERICAN ARMY'S HANDS, RIGHT?!

THEN... "SHE CAME TO AMERICA TO GET THAT MAN BACK".



WHAT DO YOU SAY?
SINCE IT'S NOT A LIE, I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY PROBLEM.
EVEN WHAT YOU DID, BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BANKS FAMILY WITHOUT CARING ABOUT EVERY-ONE ELSE'S OPINION, WILL APPEAR MORE CONVINCING.
IT WILL BE A NEW IMAGE FOR YOU, LIKE A KAMIKAZE GIRL, WHO LANDED TO SEARCH FOR HER MAN
MRS. TOME...

I KEEP THINKING THAT IT'S AN INADEQUATE MOVE!
I DON'T THINK THERE IS A NEED TO GO THAT FAR TO PLAY BASEBALL!
HEY, OLD MAN!
DIDN'T YOU THINK THAT TOME'S MAN MIGHT BE DEAD?!
I DIDN'T ASK YOU
IN THAT CASE IT'LL BE EVEN BETTER

I CAN IMAGINE THE HEADLINE ALREADY: "THE IMPOSSIBLE LOVE".

FROM WHICH POINT OF VIEW?
IT'S THE PURE AND SIMPLE TRUTH

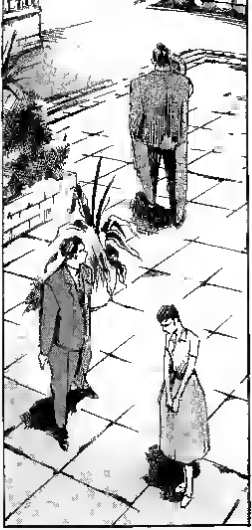
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S THE TRUTH

STOP IT!
ALL OF THIS IS ABSURD!

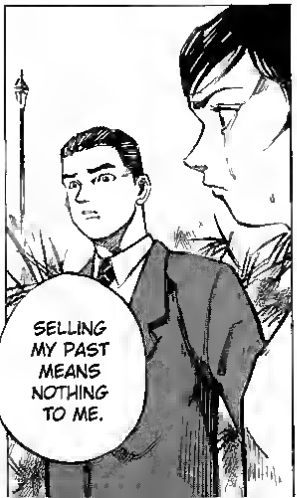
WRITE IT, AND MAKE IT SO THAT PEOPLE WILL GET PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS MATCH.

OK
I'LL START RIGHT AWAY.

UGH...



DON'T CRY, HARUKA!
IT'S OKAY LIKE THIS


SELLING MY PAST MEANS NOTHING TO ME.

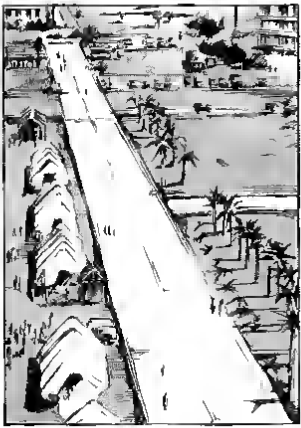
CORRECT.

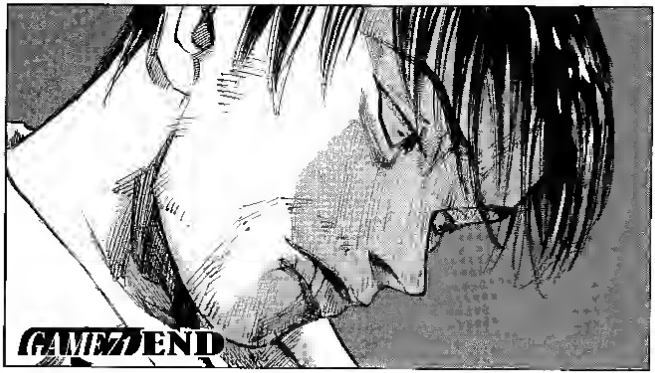
YOU DO WHATEVER IT TAKES SO THAT YOU CAN GET THAT MONEY.

TO RIP MONEY OFF OF THIS COUNTRY, I'D DO WHAT-EVER IT TAKES.

- Hawaii -

SUN TIMES
GET BACK
To get back the husband a Kamikaze girl blasted on Pearl Harbor
FLAP
THE KAMIKAZE GIRL COMES TO AMERICA IN SEARCHING OF HER HUSBAND!
HEY, THEY TALK ABOUT YOU.
STOP IT! HE CAN'T READ ANYWAY!

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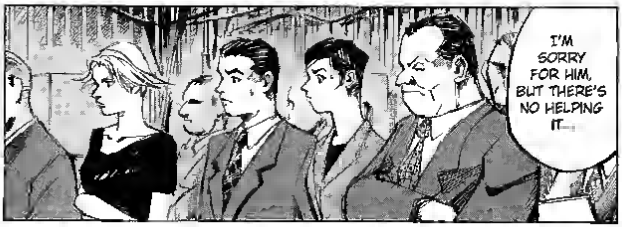
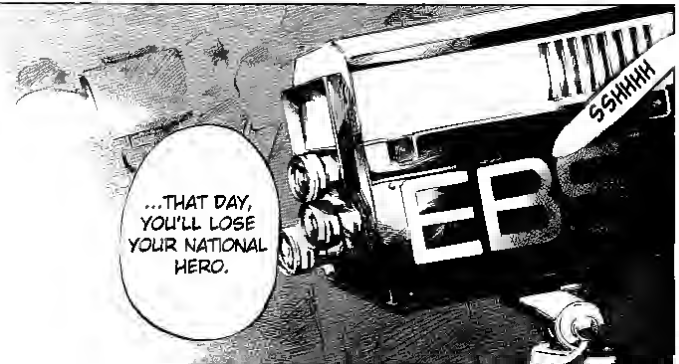
LET ME MAKE ONE THING CLEAR...
...I WON'T LET HIM HIT MY PITCHES.


I'M SORRY FOR HIM, BUT THERE'S NO HELPING IT...


SSHHHH
EB
...THAT DAY, YOU'LL LOSE YOUR NATIONAL HERO.

EBS
GAME 72
BITCH

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING TOO ARROGANT?
IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF
I'M SIMPLY TELLING THE TRUTH
IT'S UP TO YOU WHETHER TO BELIEVE ME OR NOT
FOR YOU IT'LL BE ENOUGH TO GET PUBLICITY AND MANAGE TO TAKE BACK YOUR MAN?
LISTEN! DOES YOUR PRESIDENT WATCH THIS PROGRAM?
I DON'T KNOW
IF HE'S WATCHING, I'D LIKE FOR HIM TO GIVE AN ORDER TO HIS MEN

I'M LOOKING FOR THE MAN WHO WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM ME BY THE OCCUPYING FORCES
I'D LIKE FOR HIM TO BE HANDED OVER TO ME.
MISTER PRESIDENT... IF YOU IGNORE MY REQUEST, YOU'LL LOOK QUITE BAD.
ALSO BECAUSE I DIDN'T LAUNCH A SURPRISE ATTACK ON YOU...

I CAN HARDLY UNDER-STAND IT
MISTER DUNKAN
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
WHY BET ON THE CHALLENGE AGAINST A WOMAN LIKE HER TO END YOUR CAREER ?

BECAUSE IT WILL BE SOMETHING INTERESTING.
NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN A MATCH LIKE THAT, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

. . I WON'T LOSE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
YES RIGHT, BUT
I'LL SIMPLY HIT THE BALL SHE'LL THROW AT ME, AND I'LL HURL IT OUT OF THE STADIUM.

DEAR TELEVIEWERS, IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE. THE APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK...
JOE NEEDS TO PUT HER IN HER PLACE, THAT CHICK!
WHO THE HELL IS THAT WOMAN ...?
HEY, DID YOU HEAR HIM...?
DAD, I WANNA GO SEE THE GAME!
REALLY ?!
DAD! WILL JOE WIN IT?
ALL RIGHT!
LET'S GO!
YEP, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

JOE...
THANKS FOR NOT GETTING ANGRY WITH HER ABOUT WHAT SHE SAID

I DIDN'T FEEL SO CHEERFUL TO BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE SOMEONE SINCE THE END OF THE WORLD SERIES!
WELL, I SAID WHAT I THINK

IT MUST BE A THING THAT HURTS A LOT.
BUT I'VE ALSO PUT MY CAREER ON THE LINE... I'LL COMMIT ALL MY MIGHT TO THIS

BY THE WAY, IS THE STORY ABOUT HER BOYFRIEND TRUE?
YES, IT'S TRUE.

HEY! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT?!

DAMNED EASTERNER!

YOU STILL NEED TO WAIT A HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE YOU CAN CHALLENGE JOE!
YOU ARE A BITCH WHO SOLD HER BODY TO A BANKS FOR MONEY!

YOU BASTARDS!

GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY, BITCH!

GO HOME BITCH!!
GO HOME BITCH!!
GO HOME BITCH!!
!
GO HOME BITCH!!
GO HOME BITCH!!
RUSH
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY DOING?!

IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
JOE!
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
PLEASE, STOP IT!
CUT IT OUT, YOU BAS-TARDS!

SHUT UP!

HEY! YOU WERE THE FIRST TO THROW A BOTTLE, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
MIKE!
SNAP US A SOUVE-NIR PHOTO!
WE'LL PUBLISH THE FACE OF THIS MAN ON OUR NEWS-PAPER!
WHAT ?!
LISTEN WELL! IF YOU'RE SO PISSED OFF, THEN COME WATCH THE GAME!

SUN TIMES
Kamikaze girl was
ATTACKED!
All of the U.S. people are to know shame.

THERE ARE SO MANY COMPLAINT CALLS COMING FROM ALL AROUND THE NATION THAT WE AREN'T ABLE TO WORK!
MRS TOME!

IT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE WANTED!

Japan,
Tokyo

HEY, EVERYONE COME HERE!

PANT
PANT
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Candy
Candy
Candy
Candy

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Candy
Candys
4

...I'M APPEALING TO ALL OF YOU...
MY TACTICS HAVE PROVED SUCCESSFUL ...

YES!
Candys

A MAIL FROM MISS TOME CAME IN.
From your Ace
TAMA-I READ IT.
Candys

PREPARE YOURSELF IMMEDIATELY!
PANT
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LET'S GO, GIRLS!
THE TIME HAS COME TO GO ON THE OFFENSIVE!
GAME 2 END

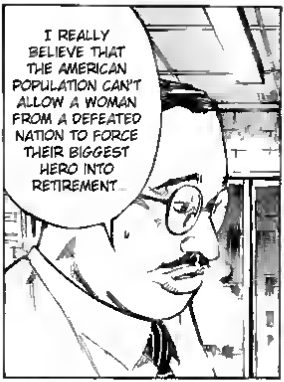
KILL KILL KILL
with a bomb
THE PROTEST AGAINST MRS. TOME HAS BECOME EVEN MORE VIOLENT.
THEY EVEN THREATENED TO BLOW UP OUR HEAD OFFICE AND SOME OF OUR JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN ATTACKED...

WE ALL FEEL THAT OUR LIVES ARE IN DANGER.

AND I ALSO FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT OUR BOSS SIMPLY WANTS TO PLAY BASEBALL -.

I CAN'T WORK IN PEACE IN AN OFFICE THAT COULD BE ATTACKED ANY MOMENT

WHAT MEANING DOES THIS PHOTO HAVE OTHERWISE?


I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN POPULATION CAN'T ALLOW A WOMAN FROM A DEFEATED NATION TO FORCE THEIR BIGGEST HERO INTO RETIREMENT

SHE BURNED THE STARS AND STRIPES, AND SHE TREATED THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES LIKE A COWARD— SHE DOES WHATEVER SHE WANTS!

ANY BIG DEED AROUSES HATE IN THE PEOPLE INITIALLY

I'M SIMPLY HONEST WITH MYSELF

A BIG..., DEED?!
TO ME IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE THE HATE THAT TOME KANO FEELS TOWARDS AMERICA

I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS
CAN YOU GATHER ALL THE EMPLOYEES?

I DON'T SEE MYSELF AT FAULT.

STAY CALM AND FOLLOW ME!
BUT I'LL PROTECT YOU AT ANY COST.

GAME 73
The Gear

I'M GERALD.
LOOKING AT THE HATE YOU ATTRACTED ON YOURSELF, I BELIEVED THAT YOU'D BE DEAD THE NEXT TIME I SEE YOU
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! YOU'RE MY WIFE BUT WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER ONLY ONCE!
IT'S NICE TO HEAR YOU AFTER SO LONG
I WANT TO ASK YOU A FAVOR

YOU NEED SOME WEAPONS?

YES...

SUN TIMES
L.A. NEWSPAPER OFFICE

I BELIEVE GERALD EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO YOU. I WANT YOU TO BE OUR BODY-GUARDS.
I WANT YOU TO DEFEND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE HEAD OFFICE OF OUR NEWSPAPER

EVEN AMONG US THERE ARE SOME WHO CONSIDER YOU A DODGER, DON'T FORGET IT.
MISSY,
.. I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING.
WE DIDN'T COME HERE GLADLY
HEY! THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?!
IT DOESN'T MATTER, KATE!
I BELIEVE THAT YOU'LL PERFORM A JOB WORTHY OF YOUR PRIDE.

... NOW WE CAN'T TURN BACK ANY-MORE.

THE SITUATION IS GETTING EVEN WORSE...

T-THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!
OH... YOU'RE WELCOME!
I DOUBT THAT THOSE FELLOWS ARE REALLY RELIABLE!

"A WOMAN IS WOMAN UNTIL SHE DIES"...?
SUN TIMES
man is woman, Until die.
THE HEADLINE FOR TOMORROW'S FRONT PAGE!
YEP!
YOU KNOW, I'M STILL AMAZED THAT I'M WORKING SO HARD TO HELP SUCH A WOMAN WIN!

BASTARD, WHAT THE HELL DID YOU SAY?!
SUN TI
LA NEWSPAPER

YOU'RE LIKE DOGS!
AND OF THE WORST KINDS!

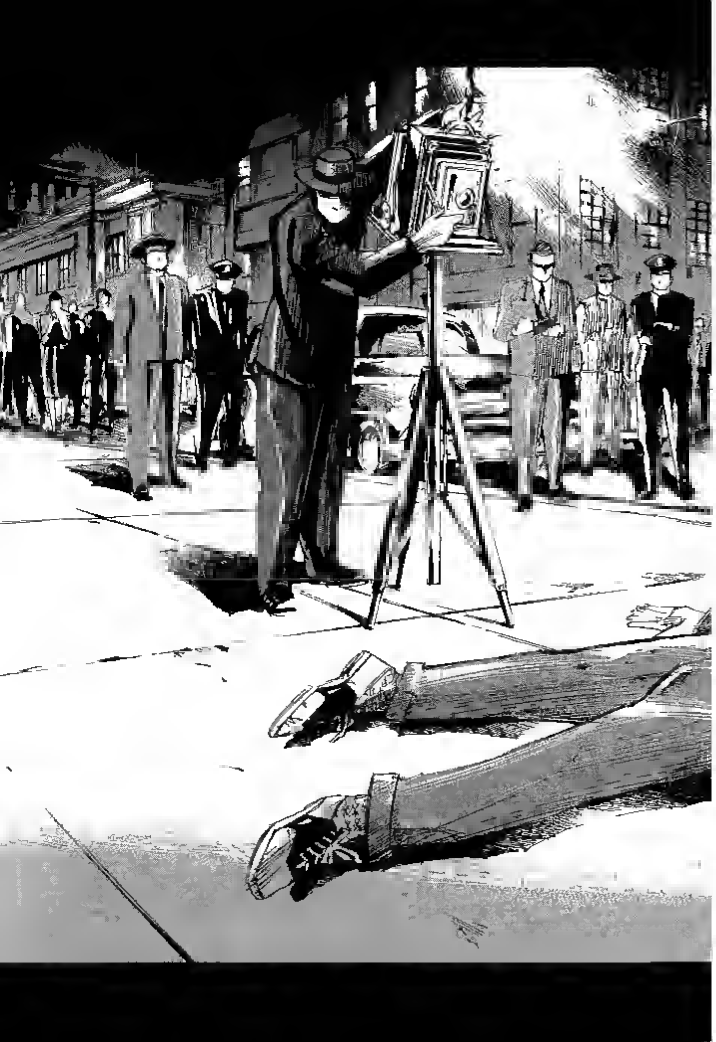
YOU DIDN'T HEAR IT?!
THEN I'LL REPEAT IT!

YOU'RE DEFENDING SUCH A WOMAN IN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY!
YOU'RE THE SHAME OF OUR NATION!

BE ASHAMED!
DAMNED JAP'S SPIES!
GO AWAY FROM THIS SOIL!
HE'S RIGHT! GO AWAY!
...HEY, BOYS...
...DON'T GET TOO EXCITED!

TOME!
PANT
PANT
THERE'S BEEN SOME TROUBLE!

THE BODYGUARDS WERE INVOLVED IN A FIGHT IN FRONT OF THE NEWSPAPER'S OFFICE...
...AND THEY KILLED A PERSON...
...WITH A GUN.



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毎日暗くなるまで
ボールを追っかけてた

人は必ず死ぬ。
そして人生は短い。
それならもう二度と降伏しないで
好きな事やってやる。

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